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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 2079; 2050; AND 1952

1. I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM TRIP TT QIGOMA (AT 2030 HOURS LOCAL, 16 JUNE) WITH AMBASSADOR VAN DEN BERG, DEREK BRYCESON AND JANE GOODALL. WE MET WITH KIGOMA REGIONAL AUTHORITIES INCLUDING POLICE COMMISSIONER AND EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE KIGOMA MIKE SCENNA.

2. IN MEETING WITH ABOVE GROUP THE FOLLOWING POINTS EMERGED:

A) REGIONAL AUTHORITIES HESITANT ACTIVELY RECRUIT MESSENGERS BECAUSE KIDNAP CASE NOW BEING HANDLED BY HIGHER AUTHORITIES IN SECRET

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B) MANY POTENTIAL MESSENGERS FRIGHTENED OFF FROM SERVING BY FEAR OF ZAIRIAN INTERCEPTION ON OTHER SIDE OR TANGOV RETRIBUTION ON THIS SIDE. C) BRYCESON RECRUITED MESSENGER HAS INDEED BEEN HOSPITALIZED SINCE 6 JUNE BECAUSE OF COMPLICATIONS SURROUNDING HERNIA OPERATION. EMISSARY, WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE PRP OFFICIAL (REF 1952), IS EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL TOMORROW, TUESDAY, 17 JUNE, AND IS BELIEVED BY US ALONG WITH HIS FATHER TO BE BEST POSSIBLE EMISSARY.

D) SCENNA RECRUITED MESSENGER HAD NOT RETURNED BY TIME WE DEPARTED KIGOMA BUT IF HE IS BACK BY A.M. TUESDAY, 17 JUNE, WILL BE DEBRIEFED BY SCENNA AND POLICE COMMISSIONER WHO, IN TURN, WILL BRIEF BRYCESON MISSION.

3. DURING MEETING I HIT HARD ON TIME ELAPSED SINCE ABDUCTION POINTING OUT THAT AS OF THURSDAY THIS WEEK, 19 JUNE, STUDENTS WILL HAVE BEEN HELD FOR ONE MONTH. I INDICATED WE WOULD BE RETURNING DAR TO SEE THAT INSTRUCTIONS ARE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY INDICATING INTEREST OF QTE HIGHER AUTHORITIES UNQTE IN THE SEPARATE INITIATIVES WE (USG, DUTCH, ET AL) ARE ALSO ATTEMPTING.

4. ENCOURAGING DISCOVERY WAS THAT FNU BARUTI WHO WORKED FOR PETER SIYOVELWA (DAR ES SALAAM 2049), MINISTER OF STATE IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO KIGOMA ON THIS CASE. BARUTI TOLD ME HE HAD JUST ARRIVED AND WAS SERVING AS STATE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE IN KIGOMA. HE PARTICIPATED IN ABOVE MEETING, BUT IT IS CLEAR HE DID NOT SPEAK TO ANY OF THE POINTS BECAUSE THE INITIATIVE OF STATE HOUSE IS BEING SO CLOSELY HELD EVEN WITHIN TANGOV. WE ALSO LEARNED THAT A STATE HOUSE AIR CHARTER TOOK OFF THIS MORNING FOR KIGOMA VIA ZANZIBAR (WHERE WE SUSPECT SOME OF THE DETAINED PRISONERS ARE BEING HELD) AND WAS EXPECTED IN KIGOMA LATER TODAY); HE HAD NOT

ARRIVED BY OUR DEPARTURE AT 1500 HOURS IMCAL.

5. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH REGIONAL AUTHORITIES WE MET WITH INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN MISSIONARIES TO THANK THEM FOR ASSISTANCE THEY HAVE GIVEN IN THE CASE. ONE OF THESE AMCITS IS REVEREND MAURICE MARROW, HEAD OF THE BAPTIST MISSION WHICH OWNS SPEEDBOAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO USE IN OUR CROSS LAKE NEGOTIATIONS. MARROW EXTREMELY WELL CONNECTED IN AREA AND PRODUCED MEMBER

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OF HIS CONGREGATION FOR MIKE SCENNA, AND IT WAS THIS MESSENGER WHO DEPARTED OVER WEEKEND. DUTCH AMBASSADOR TOOK SAME OPPORTUNITY TO MEET ONE OF HIS CITIZENS WHO IS CATHOLIC SISTER.

6. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH KIGOMA TYPES, BACKSTOP GROUP MET AND DECIDED ON FOLLOWING COURSE OF ACTION:

A) VAN DEN BERG AND I WILL CALL ON PETER SIYOVEL TUESDAY,

17 JUNE, IN EFFORT TO GAIN MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON STATE
HOUSE INITIATIVE.

B) WE WILL PURSUE IN DAR CLEARANCE FOR POSSIBLE USE OF SPEED-

BOAT AS NEGOTIATING SITE.

C) I AM SENDING LEW MACFARLANE BACK TO KIGOMA ON WEDNESDAY,
18 JUNE, TO REPLACE SCENNA BECAUSE OF HIS COMBINED FRENCH-SWAHILI
CAPABILITY IN ANTICIPATION WE MAY NEED SUCH CAPABILITY IN SOME
CAPACITY BY WEEK'S END.

7. FYI: FLIGHT TO KIGOMA APPROXIMATELY 1500
MILES ROUND TRIP
AND TOOK TEN HOURS FLYING TIME INCLUDING REFUELING STOPS TABORA.
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